

MEMORANDUM

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From: Konrad Kellen

Dan, when writing the piece on Chau for the NYTimes Mag, should you not be careful not to state the case in the way you did not your memo, I mean you r claim that Thieu's treatment of Chau has done all these dire things? I just don't go along with that, doubt that many people will, and fear it will make the piece vulnerable. In the first place, T. here only committed and act fully in line with his general ways and views. Secondly, Vietnamization cannot work as advertised, Chau or no Chau, ditto for the Paris negs. Instead of pointing up the C. case as something in any way decisive or extraordinary, should it not be

simply presented as a case history?

That's what we buy, that's what we

get, that's the way it's going to

be. (And that's why we should get

out, rather than try to reform

the unreformable with means not

suitable to reform them.)

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